(FOSMA);

(iii) Maritime Associations of Ship Managers and Ship Agents (MASSA); and

(iv) Students enrolling for the post sea training course in LBS College, Mumbai.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) and (f) Salary of faculty members recruited in MERI by the Government are paid as per the scales of pay prescribed for government servants. The faculty and staff provided by MMERT are paid directly by them as per terms and conditions of MMERT.

Ship Repair Project at Rajabagan

1900. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 213 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether site activities for phase I has been started in November, 1996; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether completion date of the project has been revised again; if so, the reasons therefor and the revised date of completion;

(c) whether the revised cost estimate of Rs. 71.34 crores has been changed; and

(d) the amount spent so far in the project and amount allocated for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir. The recommendation for implementation of the first phase having basic estimated cost of Rs. 20.00 crores including Rs. 9.9 crores as Dutch Financial assistance is under process. Indo-Dutch Grant Agreement for the Dutch assistance is yet to be finalised. Contracts related to site activities could not therefore be finalised.

(b) Since the project is linked to Dutch assistance, the implementation of the project is dependent on the finalisation of Indo-Dutch Grant agreement. It has been estimated about 18 months would be required for completion of phase I from the finalisation of Grant agreement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An amount of Rs. 4.10 crores has so far been released. An allocation of Rs. 2.00 crores has been made for the year 1997-98.

Vacant post of the Chairman of Kandla Port

1901. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of the Chairman of Kandla Port is lying vacant and there is no decision-making body functioning at the Port; and

(b) if so, since when this post is lying vacant and the steps Government have taken or propose to take to fill up this post without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Capt. A.N.M. Kishore has taken over charge as Chairman, Kandla Port Trust on 03.02.1997.

Karnataka's Share in CRF

1902. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of the State of Karnataka in the Central Road Fund during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the allotment has been commensurate to the requirement proposed by the State Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government would consider reviewing criteria for allotment